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The Life and Death of Alan Turing

Libretto and music by Barry Truax

For tenor (Alan Turing) and six digital soundtracks

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PART ONE

(spoken) My name is Alan Turing. I killed myself on [7th June 1954](#) because of discrimination.

Despite decoding German Ciphers during World War Two I was rejected and punished due to my sexuality.

In 2009 The Government finally made an apology. Gordon Brown said, "We're sorry, you deserved so much better".

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Apple of my life
Which now, apple you should end
It's my only option: Less painful than reality

Apple of my life
My gateway to heaven
Existing is not an option
I'm saying NO to oestrogen

PART TWO

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0:50

1:10

My poor lost lamb from the slums, dear sweet Arnold. (mimes touching him)

He has a nightmare dream where he is suspended in an empty space, like an airplane hangar. A loud noise begins and gets louder and louder, looming It's like being trapped inside a brain, having to play against the machine, best two out of three.

1:35

But the machine moves quickly, I have to distract it with conversation, diversionary tactics, show anger, play stupid, make it feel smug. "Can you *think* what I *feel*? Can

- 5:24 These are messages from an unseen World, exciting the atoms of my brain like a wireless set resonating to a non-material spirit.
- The Universe is the interior of the Light Cone of the Creation, Science a Differential Equation, Religion a Boundary Condition.
- 6:05 Hyperboloids of wondrous light, rolling for ages through Space and Time, harbour those Waves which somehow might play out God's wondrous pantomime.
- 6:30 But I am growing breasts!
- Dip the apple in the brew, let the sleeping death seep through.
- 7:00 Hyperboloids of wondrous light ... messages from an unseen World ...
- 7:20 Christopher, I am yours!
- 7:40 (soundtrack ends)